

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	State-operated
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	12 State Regional Offices
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	District Attorney Offices Department of Labor Department of Revenue & Taxation
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Yes, including direct income withholding
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	No, but an informal agreement has been established with the Chitimacha Tribe fo Indians
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18: unless emancipated earlier by notarial act, marriage or judicial determination: if child is still in high school, then age 19, or upon graduation from high school, whichever occurs first
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	• Collection of Past Due Support	5 year liberative prescription period
	• Paternity Establishment	Child's 18th birthday for parent/caretaker: child has 1 additional year from age of majority
	Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	5 years
8)	Guidelines	Income shares
9)	Interest Rates on	No
	• Missed Payments	No
	• Retroactive Support	No
	• Adjudicated Arrearage	No
10)	Arrearage Collections for Non- minor Child(ren)	Yes, if there was an existing IV-D case prior to emancipation
11)	Distribution Scheme	
	• AFDC Arrears	IRS and State tax intercepts are applied to AFDC arrears and then non-AFDC arrears. Other collections are first applied to

	1) Ongoing support 2) Arrears with periodic payments 3) AFDC arrears 4) Non-AFDC arrears
	See above
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes
13) New Hire Reporting	No
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	Collect fees for NA applications, IRS and State tax intercept, full service IRS, parent locate and locate of a SSN if unknown. Blood test fees if order by the court.
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Yes
17) Automated Locate Resources	EPLN, FPLS, 1099. In addition, interface with approximately 25 other state agencies.
18) Enforcement Options	
• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	Yes
• License Revocation/ Suspension	Yes
• Administrative Liens	No
• Property Seizure & Sale	Cooperative agreement with the Department of Revenue for seizure of property and bank accounts
• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Unemployment Benefits and Workman's compensation
• Other (please specify)	Lottery winnings
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders <i>(specify yes or no)</i>	
• Establish	No

• Enforce	In conjunction with order for ongoing child support
• Modify	No
20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1) State Code Citation	Children's Code, Articles 1301.1 through 1308.2
2) Effective Date	January 1, 1996
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Yes
4) Repeal URESA?	Yes
5) Repeal IWW?	No

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1) Income Withholding Terminology	Income Assignment Order
2) Income Withholding Procedures	
• State Withholding Limits	Up to 50% of disposable income after mandatory deductions
• Fee Charged by Employers	\$3.00 per pay period while income withholding in effect
• Date to Remit	Within 10 days of withholding
• Penalty	The court, upon due notice and hearing, may enter a judgment against the payor (employer) and direct the issuance of an execution for the total amount that the payor failed to withhold or pay over. The employer may be held in contempt of court for failure to remit timely.
	The payor of income to a person ordered to pay support
4) Included Income	Any form of singular or periodic payment to an individual, regardless of source, including but not limited to wages, salary, commissions, compensation as an independent contractor, disability, worker's compensation, unemployment compensation,

	annuity and retirement benefits and any other payments made by any person, private entity, Federal, State, or local government, school district, or any entity created by public act.
5) Excluded Income	Exempt funds such as AFDC, SSI, VA benefits.
6) Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	Interstate requests should be sent through Central Registry.
7) Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	An order to withhold from ongoing benefits is sent directly to the insurer. In the case of a disputed claim, the order is sent to the Department of Labor, and should be sent through Central Registry.
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	N/A
9) Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	N/A
10) Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Yes
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes
15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	Yes
• Priority	Yes
• Assistance	No
• Allocation	Pro-rated between all orders.

D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	File order setting hearing and directing service under LA UIFSA laws; if respondent denies paternity, request for court order requiring parties to submit to blood tests; matter set for trial after blood test report filed, served on respondent, and respondent given 30 days to challenge report.
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes
2) Uniform Parentage Act	No
3) Uniform Act on Blood Testing	Yes
4) Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes
5) Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No
6) Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	No
Threshold	99.9% ?
7) Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Rebuttable
8) Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
9) Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Parties must be married at birth of child, defendant has been judicially declared the father in a filiation or paternity proceeding, or there is a formal act of acknowledgment, or if both parties are agreeable.
10) Other Statutory Presumptions	No
11) Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No
12) Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	No.
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	A verified petition, general testimony and paternity affidavit.
13) Long-Arm Statute	Articles 1302.1 and 1302.2
14) Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
• Service of Process	Yes, if unable to obtain assistance from the Sheriff's Department.
• Genetic Testing	Yes, see above

15) Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes
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E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	After receipt and filing of the petition from the initiating state, an order is established according to La. law and guidelines.
2) Income Considered for Setting Support	Gross income of both absent and custodial parent. Income of a child may also be considered.
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	Only the court may deviate from the guidelines.
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	Order entered retroactive to the date of filing of the petition.

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Yes
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	No
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Yes

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES’ ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	No
5) Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	Yes
6) UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	Orders can be registered under UIFSA for either enforcement or modification and enforcement.
7) Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	Yes, except lottery intercept and uncontested income withholding order.

8) Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	
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G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1) Jurisdiction Requirements	CEJ analysis per UIFSA
2) Modification Procedures	Register order; file a petition for modification after due notices to parties involved.
	None for medical support. At least a 25% change in the obligation amount.
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	Needs of child and ability to pay and changes relative to one or both of these factors.
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Every 3 years (AFDC and IV-E cases); upon request of the AP and CP.
6) Criteria for Review	See above
7) Criteria for Adjustment	See # 3

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1) Controlling Order	CEJ analysis per UIFSA
2) Date of Controlling Order	Analysis per UIFSA
3) If No Controlling Order	If none of the courts which have issued orders have CEJ, a new order may be issued.
4) Arrears Procedure	Amounts collected and credited for a particular period pursuant to a support order issued by a court of another state must be credited against the amounts accruing or accrued for the same period under a support order issued by the court of this state.

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support			
Enforcement of Responding State's Order			
Modification of Responding States' Orders			
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order			
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order			
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders			
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act			
Modification of Another State's Order			

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case			
Assistance/Discovery			
Quick Locate			

**A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);
E= Certification not required*

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	
Central Registry	
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no “case” in your State) for	
Service of Process (private process server? If so , list)	

Genetic Testing (e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)	
New Hire Reporting Contact	
Employer Assistance Contact	
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	
Privatization Contact	